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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

While I am from the EU, I think I can still lodge my complaints about the MS Anti Trust settlement.

I use unix at work, with netscape. MS is trying to dominate the web with its new .NET initiative which means that by sheer market forces, I will no longer be able to browse a large amount of .NET based web sites, and since MS do not release their software for Unix, I will either have to choose between the WWW or using a Microsoft product. This is unlawful abuse of monopoly.

I also wish to buy a laptop. I don't need a new OS for it (my old laptops screen went). So why do I have to buy another version of Windows for it? I might even install linux on it instead. Yet I still have to pay for it?

I have long since bought factory built PCs because they've forced me to rebuy my operating system each times (I have 2 windows 95 license, and 2 Windows 98 licenses already, I do not want to own 2000/ME/XP or any future MS Operating system). Why should I have to buy all the components to build my PC, rather than buy a pre built one? Because otherwise MS will make me pay for something I do not want or require.

The current toothless settlement of the Anti trust case changes neither of these things, and gives Microsoft leeway to march completely over the rest of the small computer software companies in the world. The settlement has given us a future:

"Either sell your company to Microsoft, or be eradicated".

And I see that as your fault.

John

